

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please **CANCEL** claims 19, 20 and 22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising buffering the program being played through the entertainment system when the held call signal is received.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising buffering the program being played through the entertainment system in response to a specific user request.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of managing calls through an entertainment system, comprising:
 - notifying by an entertainment system call manager, via a data network, a call management server residing in a telephony provider network to monitor calls on the telephony provider network for the entertainment system;
 - holding in the telephony-network-resident call management server a call on the telephony provider network for the entertainment system prior to routing the call to the entertainment system, in response to the notifying;
 - receiving in the entertainment system call manager a held call signal indicating a held call, during a program play by the entertainment system to a user, via the data network from the telephony-network-resident call management server;
 - presenting by the call manager a selectable call handling option chosen from a group comprising one or more of take the call, send the call to voice mail, forward the call to another

number, play a message, ignore the call, and reject the call, in response to the held call signal through the entertainment system during the program play; and

handling the held call according to a call handling option selected by the user through the entertainment system and provided via the data network to the telephony-network-resident call management server.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a television buffering device connected to the subscriber entertainment system to buffer and record the television program played through the subscriber entertainment system in response to the held call signal transmitted from the television call manager when the call is held at the telephony-network-resident call management server.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the call handling option for the selection are displayed through the subscriber entertainment system.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A call management system comprising:
a call management server residing in a telephony provider network and in communication with a subscriber entertainment system via Internet and/or cable data networks, and holding a call on the telephony provider network for the subscriber entertainment system prior to routing the call to the subscriber entertainment system; and

a television call manager connected to the subscriber entertainment system to receive a held call signal from the call management server via the data network indicating a held call during a program play by the subscriber entertainment system,

wherein the held call at the telephony-network-resident call management server is handled according to a selectable call handling option chosen from a group of call handling options comprising one or more of take the call, send the call to voice mail, forward the call to another number, play a message, ignore the call, and reject the call, and the selected call

handling option is received by the telephony-network-resident call management server via the data network from the television call manager of the subscriber entertainment system.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a remote control device in communication with the television call manager, wherein the subscriber selects the call handling option with the remote control device.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the subscriber entertainment system comprises the television.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a television detector in communication with the television to detect when the television is on and to signal the telephony-network-resident call management server, via the data network, to route calls on the telephony provider network through the telephony-network-resident call management server.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, wherein a caller identification corresponding to the held call at the telephony-network-resident call management server is provided, via the data network, to the television call manager of the subscriber entertainment system and displayed through the subscriber entertainment system.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, wherein if the selected call handling option is to take the call, the telephony-network-resident call management server forwards the call via the telephony network to the television call manager of the subscriber entertainment system.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the held call at the telephony-network-resident call management server is answered via the telephony network through the subscriber entertainment system.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The call management system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a television buffering device connected to the subscriber entertainment

system to buffer and record the television program played through the subscriber entertainment system in response to the call handling option selection, if the selected call handling option is to take the held call.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the held call at the telephony-network-resident call management server is a text message.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the text message is displayed through the entertainment system.

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CANCELLED)

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An entertainment system call manager managing calls through the entertainment system, comprising:

means for notifying from an entertainment system call manager, via a data network, a call management server residing in a telephony provider network to monitor calls on the telephony provider network for the entertainment system;

means for holding in the telephony-network-resident call management server a call on the telephony provider network for the entertainment system prior to routing the call to the entertainment system, in response to the notifying;

means for receiving in the entertainment system call manager a held call signal indicating a held call, during a program play by the entertainment system to a user, via the data network from the telephony-network-resident call management server;

means for presenting from the entertainment system call manager a selectable call handling option chosen from a group comprising one or more of take the call, send the call to voice mail, forward the call to another number, play a message, ignore the call, and reject the call, in response to the held call signal through the entertainment system during the program play; and

means for handling the held call according to a call handling option selected by the user through the entertainment system and provided via the data network to the telephony-network-

resident call management server.

22. (CANCELLED)